



**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

## **Next Indiana Campfires event to connect literature, nature and Bicentennial at Prophetstown State Park**

*Indiana Humanities invite Hoosiers to explore Prophetstown State Park on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Prophetstown State Park and Indiana Humanities are hosting a Next Indiana Campfires excursion on Friday, August 5, 2016 beginning at the Visitor Center. The outing is part of “Next Indiana Campfires,” Indiana Humanities’ new series that pairs literature and nature to help Hoosiers explore Indiana’s wild places and discuss conservation and stewardship.

Participants will take in the sights and sounds of a tall grass prairie during this 90-minute walk, seeing beautiful wildflowers and grassland birds. The hike will lead us to an oak savannah, then back to the Native American village where we’ll gather for food and drink around a campfire to discuss connections between nature, literature and place. During the outing, a humanities scholar will serve as facilitator and lead attendees, stopping periodically to read aloud the words of important Hoosier authors.

Event tickets are \$10. The ticket price includes the excursion, meal, and various drinks. A limited number of fee waivers will be available for each excursion and will be awarded based on financial need. To register for the event, call 765-320-0503 or email [amanuel@dnr.in.gov](mailto:amanuel@dnr.in.gov) , or visit the Next IN Campfires website [here](#).

Next Indiana Campfires will be held in some of Indiana’s most diverse landscapes – places like the Limberlost swamps, an old growth forest in Evansville and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Do-it-yourself “Trek and Talk Toolkits” are available to Hoosiers who want to create their own Next Indiana Campfire. Toolkits include suggested itineraries, a literary text and discussion prompts, a Next Indiana Campfires patch, snacks and more. To learn more about Indiana Humanities’ Next Indiana Campfires, visit [www.IndianaHumanities.org/Campfires](http://www.IndianaHumanities.org/Campfires).

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Prophetstown State Park is located at 5545 Swisher Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

### **About Indiana Humanities**

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